# Employee Post-Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses

SECRETARY OF THE SENATE

ost-Travel Filing Instructions: Complete this form within 30 days of returning from ravel. Submit all forms to the Office of Public Records in 232 Hart Building.

Date/Time Stamp:

n compliance with Rule 35.2(a) and (c), I make the following disclosures with respect to travel expenses that have been of will e reimbursed/paid for me. I also certify that I have attached: ☑ The original Employee Pre-Travel Authorization (Form RE-1), AND A copy of the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form with all attachments (itinerary, invitee list, etc.) Vanderbilt University Medical Center rivate Sponsor(s) (list all):\_\_\_ Sept. 28 - 29, 2016 ravel date(s):\_\_\_\_\_ N/A Name of accompanying family member (if any): \_ Relationship to Traveler: 

Spouse ☐ Child F THE COST OF LODGING DID NOT INCREASE DUE TO THE ACCOMPANYING SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT CHILD, ONLY NCLUDE LODGING COSTS IN EMPLOYEE EXPENSES. (Attach additional pages if necessary.) Expenses for Employee: Other Expenses Meal Expenses **Lodging Expenses** Transportation (Amount & Description) Expenses 110 ☑ Good Faith Estimate ☐ Actual Amount Expenses for Accompanying Spouse or Dependent Child (if applicable): Other Expenses Meal Expenses Lodging Expenses Transportation (Amount & Description) Expenses ☐ Good Faith Estimate ☐ Actual Amount Provide a description of all meetings and events attended. See Senate Rule 35.2(c)(6). (Attach additional pages if necessary.): Toured VUMC neonatal ICU; met with Dr. Stephen Patrick regarding infant opioids addiction; met with Prof. Andrew Goodman-Bacon regading Medicaid policy; lectured health policy undergraduate class re: Finance Cmte. pharmaceutical pricing investigation met with Prof. Sayeh Nikpay re: U.S. Health policy and drug pricing; lectured health policy department (students and professors) regarding Finance Cmte pharmaceutical pricing investigation. (Signature of traveler) (Printed name of traveler) (Date)

(FO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING MEMBER/OFFICER:

I have made a determination that the expenses set out above in connections with travel described in the Employee Pre-Travel Authorization form, are necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses as defined in Rule 35.

Supervising Senator/Officer)



August 11, 2016

Attention Peter Gartrell
Office of The Honorable Ron Wyden
Committee on Finance
United States Senate
219 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Peter,

As we discussed, I would like to invite you to Vanderbilt to discuss the Sovaldi Report with the faculty in my department and the students in my undergraduate course, "Introduction to U.S. Health Policy." Your talk with students would consist of a lecture with a discussion component, and your interaction with faculty would be in the format of an informal coffee hour. I hope you will consider my invitation. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerety,

Sayeh Nikpay, Ph.D., M.P.H.

Assistant Professor of Health Policy Email: sayeh.s.nikpay@vanderbilt.edu

## EMPLOYEE PRE-TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION

Pre-Travel Filing Instructions: Complete and submit this form at least 30 days prior to the travel departure date to the Select Committee on Ethics in SH-220. Incomplete and late travel submissions will <u>not</u> be considered or approved. This form <u>must</u> be typed and is available as a fillable PDF on the Committee's website at ethics.senate.gov. Retain a copy of your entire pre-travel submission for your required post-travel disclosure.

(Revised 10/19/15)

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#### **ITINERARY**

# Peter Gartrell Investigator U.S. Senate Committee on Finance

#### September 28-29, 2016

#### Wednesday, September 28

8:40pm Arrive at Nashville International Airport on American Airlines Flight 3922

Sayeh Nikpay will Mr Gartrell up at the airport

### Thursday, September 29

8:30-9:30	Meet with Stephen Patrick, MD, MPH, MS Division of Neonatology Location: Au Bon Pain, Medical Center Campus
9:30-10:00	Campus tour with Sayeh Nikpay, PhD MPH
10:00-10:50	Meet with Andrew Goodman-Bacon, PhD Economics Department Location: Calhoun Hall, 211
11:00-12:15	Guest Lecture Course: Introduction to U.S. Health Care Policy Topic: "Sovaldi Case Study" Location: Furman Hall, 311
12:15-1:00	Health Policy Brown Bag Location: 2525 West End Avenue, Suite 1200, Grand Conference Room
1:00-3:00	Meet with Sayeh Nikpay, PhD MPH Location: 2525 West End Avenue, Suite 1203
3:30-4:30	Health Policy "Coffee Break" with Peter Gartrell Location: 2525 West End Avenue, Suite 1200, Grand Conference Room

## PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM

This form must be completed by any private entity offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to Senate Members, officers, or employees (Senate Rule 35, clause 2). Each sponsor of a fact-finding trip must sign the completed form. The trip sponsor(s) must provide a copy of the completed form to each invited Senate traveler, who will then forward it to the Ethics Committee with any other required materials. The trip sponsor(s) should NOT submit the form directly to the Ethics Committee. Please consult the accompanying instructions for more detailed definitions and other key information.

The Senate Member, officer, or employee MUST also provide a copy of this form, along with the appropriate travel authorization and reimbursement form, to the Office of Public Records (OPR), Room 232 of the Hart Building, within thirty (30) days after the travel is completed.

Sponsor(s) of the trip (please list all sponsors): Vanderbilt University Medical Center (VUMC)
Description of the trip: Travel to Vanderbilt University Medical Center to provide lectures to students
in an Introduction to Health Care Policy course taught by Dr. Sayeh Nikpay.
Dates of travel: 09/28/2016 - 10/01/2016
Place of travel: Nashville, TN
Name and title of Senate invitees: Peter Gartrell, Congressional Staffer, Senate Committee on Finance
<ul> <li>I certify that the trip fits one of the following categories:</li> <li>         (A) The sponsor(s) are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and do not retain or employ registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee at any point throughout the trip.</li></ul>
employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and the trip meets the requirements of Senate Rule 35.2(a)(2)(A)(i) or (ii) (see question 9).
I certify that the trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.
I certify that the sponsor or sponsors will not accept funds or in-kind contributions earmarked directly or indirectly for the purpose of financing this specific trip from a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal or from a private entity that retains or employs one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal.
I certify that:  The trip will not in any part be planned, organized, requested, or arranged by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except for de minimis lobbyist involvement.  AND -
The traveler will not be accompanied on the trip by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except as provided for by Committee regulations relating to lobbyist accompaniment (see question 9).

9.	USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 6(B)  1 certify that if the sponsor or sponsors retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, one of the following scenarios applies:
	(A) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and one overnight stay) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee on any segment of the trip.
	(B) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and two overnight stays) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee on any segment of the trip (see questions 6 and 10).
	(C) The trip is being sponsored only by an organization or organizations designated under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee at any point throughout the trip.
10.	USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 9(B)  If the trip includes two overnight stays, please explain why the second night is practically required for Senate invitees to participate in the travel:
	The second night is required because Mr. Gartrell has early morning meetings on the 29th so he will need
	to arrive the night of the 28th. Mr. Gartrell is taking a personal day on the 30th.
11.	An itinerary for the trip is attached to this form. I certify that the attached itinerary is a detailed (hourby-hour), complete, and final itinerary for the trip.
12.	Briefly describe the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip:
	Dr. Sayeh Nikpay of the Department of Health Policy will organize the trip and escort Mr. Gartrell during
	his time on campus.
13.	Briefly describe the stated mission of each sponsor and how the purpose of the trip relates to that mission:  Part of the mission of VUMC is to create a diverse and broadly inclusive community that enriches the
	learning environment. Mr. Gartrell's lectures will broaden the range of perspectives that students have
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	VUMC is a newly incorporated entity as of April 2016. It was formerly part of Vanderbilt University, which
	has an established history of bringing political figures and decision makers to campus for the educational
	enrichment of its students.

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Total Expenses for Each Participant:					
	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses	
Good Faith estimate  Actual	\$110				
State whether a) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized without regard to congressional participation or b) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized specifically with regard to congressional participation:  The trip involves lectures in an Introduction to Health Care Policy course. The lecture given by the					
Congressional Staffer will be about the financing of US health care.					
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21.	Describe how the daily expenses for lodging, meals, and other expenses provided to trip participants compares to the maximum per diem rates for official Federal Government travel:					
	Mr. Gartrell will be paying for his own food and drink. Lodging will be provided at the personal residence					
	of Dr. Nikpay, with whom Mr. Gartrell has a long-established friendship.					
22.	Describe the type and class of transportation being provided. Indicate whether coach, business-class or first class transportation will be provided. If first-class fare is being provided, please explain why first-class travel is necessary:					
	Coach class airfare					
23.	I represent that the travel expenses that will be paid for or reimbursed to Senate invitees do not include expenditures for recreational activities, alcohol, or entertainment (other than entertainment provided to all attendees as an integral part of the event, as permissible under Senate Rule 35).					
24.	List any entertainment that will be provided to, paid for, or reimbursed to Senate invitees and explain why the entertainment is an integral part of the event:					
	No entertainment will be part of the trip.					
25.	I hereby certify that the information contained herein is true, complete and correct. (You must include the completed signature block below for each travel sponsor.):					
	Signature of Travel Sponsor:					
	Name and Title:					
	Name of Organization:					
	Address:					
	Telephone Number:					
	Fax Number:					
	E-mail Address:					

#### **Instructions**

(Do not file the Instructions with OPR)

#### **General Instructions**

- The Senate Select Committee on Ethics ("Ethics Committee") has developed guidelines for evaluating privately-sponsored trips and for judging whether trip expenses are reasonable. Trip sponsors should consult the Senate Select Committee on Ethics' Regulations and Guidelines for Privately-Sponsored Travel, including the Glossary of Terms, prior to filling out the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form and contact the Ethics Committee at (202) 224-2981 with any additional questions. The Ethics Committee will make the final determination as to whether the expenses incurred during a privately-sponsored trip are reasonable.
- If there are multiple sponsors, they should jointly complete one Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form for the trip. Each travel sponsor should complete the signature block.
- When evaluating a trip proposal and judging the reasonableness of expenses, the Ethics Committee will consider the following factors:
  - a. the stated mission of the organization sponsoring the trip;
  - b. the organization's prior history of sponsoring congressional trips, if any;
  - c. other educational activities performed by the organization besides sponsoring congressional trips;
  - d. whether any trips previously sponsored by the organization led to an investigation by the Select Committee on Ethics;
  - e. whether the length of the trip and the itinerary is consistent with the official purpose of the trip;
  - f. whether there is an adequate connection between a trip and official duties;
  - g. the reasonableness of the total amount spent by a sponsor of the trip;
  - h. whether there is a direct and immediate relationship between a source of funding and an event;
  - i. the maximum per diem rates for official Federal Government travel published annually by the General Services Administration, the Department of State, and the Department of Defense;
  - j. whether travel to a location or event is arranged or organized without regard to congressional participation, or whether it is specifically organized for Congressional staff; and
  - k. any other factor deemed relevant by the Select Committee on Ethics.

Consult the Senate Select Committee on Ethics' Regulations and Guidelines for Privately-Sponsored Travel, including the Glossary of Terms, for further discussion of these factors.

- Responses to each question should be brief, consistent with the requirement to provide all relevant information. Attach additional pages, as necessary.
- To allow sufficient time for the Ethics Committee to review requests for privately sponsored travel, the participating Senate Members, officers, and employees must submit the completed form to the Ethics Committee at least thirty (30) days before the date of the proposed trip.

## Filling out the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form (Question by Question Instructions)

- 1. Sponsor(s) of the trip (please list all sponsors): A sponsor of a trip is any person, organization, or other entity contributing funds or in-kind support for the trip. A sponsor must have a significant role in organizing and conducting a trip and must have a specific organizational interest in the purpose of the trip. If Members, officers, and employees are participating in an event or fact-finding trip in connection with their duties, they may accept necessary travel expenses only from the event or trip sponsor.
- 2. Description of the trip: Provide a brief statement about the purpose of the trip.
- 3. Dates of travel: Provide the dates of departure and return.
- 4. Place of travel: Provide the destination(s) for the trip.
- 5. Name and titles of Senate invitees: Provide the name and title for each Senate Member, officer, or employee who is invited on the trip.
- 6. I certify that the trip fits one of the following categories: A Senate Member, officer, or employee may accept privately sponsored travel only from sponsor(s) of a trip that fits one of the categories listed. Consult the instructions for question 9 to determine if the trip meets the lobbyist accompaniment standard.
- 7. Financing of the trip, earmarked funds and in-kind contributions: Senate Members, officers, and staff may not accept privately-sponsored travel funded by a registered lobbyist or foreign agent. Members, officers, and staff may not participate in privately-sponsored travel when the sponsors accept funds or in-kind contributions earmarked for this particular trip from a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal or from a private entity that retains or employs one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal. Earmarking includes any direction, agreement, or suggestion -- formal or informal -- to use donated funds, goods, services, or other in-kind contributions for a particular trip or purpose.
- 8. Lobbyist/agent of a foreign principal involvement: Senate invitees may not participate in trips planned, organized, arranged, or requested by a lobbyist or foreign agent in more than a de minimis way, which means negligible or inconsequential. It would be considered inconsequential for one or more lobbyists or foreign agents to serve on the board of an organization that is sponsoring travel, as long as the lobbyists or foreign agents are not involved in the trip. It is also permissible for a lobbyist to respond to a trip sponsor's request to identify Senate invitees with interest in a particular issue relevant to a planned trip. However, a lobbyist is not allowed to solicit or initiate communication with a trip sponsor, have control over which Senate employees are invited on a trip, extend or forward an invitation to a participant, determine the trip itinerary, or be mentioned in the invitation.

Example: A trip sponsor that is a § 501(c)(3) non-profit organization asks a lobbyist to recommend staffers who might be most interested in joining a trip to the U.S.-Mexican border. If a lobbyist knows a staffer who has a particular interest in the DEA's activities at the border, then providing that information (in light of the trip sponsor's request), in and of itself, would not exceed a de minimis level of participation, and would be permitted. However, it would not be permissible for the lobbyist to initiate contact with the trip sponsor to suggest that a particular Senate staffer be invited or forward an invitation to that staffer. Consult the instructions for question 9 to determine if the trip meets the lobbyist accompaniment standards.

9. Lobbyist/agent of a foreign principal accompaniment standards: Senate Members, officers, and staff may not accept privately-sponsored travel from an entity that retains or employs one or more federally-registered lobbyists or foreign agents unless one of the listed scenarios applies. At any segment of the trip means lobbyists may not accompany the Senate invitee for parts of the travel to and from the event (not at the event itself or the location being visited). At any point throughout the trip means lobbyists may not accompany Senate invitees at any point to and from the event, at the event itself, or at the location being visited, other than in a de minimis way. This is a broader prohibition than the at any segment of a trip standard.

"De minimis" exception: Both lobbyist/agent of a foreign principal "accompaniment" prohibitions include a de minimis exemption. De minimis means negligible or inconsequential. The mere coincidental presence of a lobbyist or foreign agent at an event would likely be considered de minimis. But in making the final determination, the Ethics Committee will consider the totality of the circumstances, including the amount of time lobbyists or foreign agents are present at the event; the amount of direct contact they have with Senate invitees; and the amount of control a trip sponsor has over their presence or contact with Senate guests. For example, if the trip includes attendance at an event considered widely-attended under Rule 35(1)(c)(18), the trip sponsor is unlikely to know all attendees present. Thus, it is likely to be permissible for such widely-attended events to include both a Senate guest and a lobbyist. Similarly, an organization cannot possibly know all the other passengers taking the same flight or other common carrier to a given destination. Accordingly, the sponsor does not need to certify that it knows for certain that no lobbyist or foreign agent will be on such a common carrier.

- 10. If travel includes two overnight stays: The Ethics Committee may approve two overnight stays for trips sponsored by an entity that employs or retains one or more lobbyists or foreign agents under certain conditions. Consult Committee regulations for additional information.
- 11. An itinerary for the trip is attached to this form: The Ethics Committee will not review the trip request without a detailed (hour-by-hour), complete and final itinerary for the trip. As a general matter, the Ethics Committee advises that each travel day contain a minimum of 6 hours of officially-related activities for Senate invitees.
- 12. Briefly describe the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip: A sponsor must have a significant role in organizing and conducting a trip and must have a specific organizational interest in the purpose of the trip.
- 13. Briefly describe the stated mission of each sponsor and how the purpose of the trip relates to that mission: Provide a brief description of the stated mission of each sponsor and how it relates to the trip.
- 14. Briefly describe each sponsor's prior history of sponsoring congressional trips: Provide a brief discussion of the sponsor's history of sponsoring congressional travel. It is not necessary to list every trip.
- 15. Briefly describe the educational activities performed by each sponsor (other than sponsoring congressional trips): Provide a brief description of the educational activities performed by each sponsor. It is not necessary to list every individual activity; the description may be by kind or category of educational activity involved.
- 16. Total expenses for each participant: Indicate whether the figures provided are actual amounts or good faith estimates by checking the appropriate box. All trip expenses should be included. Expenses other than those for transportation, lodging, and meals must be individually listed and specified. Attach additional pages as necessary.

- 17. Congressional participation: For events that are arranged without regard to congressional participation (for example, annual meetings, conferences, seminars, and symposiums of trade associations, professional societies, business associations, and other membership organizations), the Ethics Committee may, but is not required to, allow Senate Members, officers, and employees to accept lodging and meal expenses that are commensurate with what is customarily provided to non-congressional attendees in similar circumstances. For events specifically arranged around congressional participation, lodging, meal expenses and other expenses must be "reasonable" in accordance with Ethics Committee regulations.
- 18. Reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: The location of the trip must be related to its purpose. A brief but detailed description of the reason for the selection of the location must be provided.
- 19. Name and location of hotel or other lodging facility: Include the exact name and address of the hotel or other lodging facility.
- 20. Reasons for selecting hotel or other lodging facility: Provide an explanation of the sponsor's rationale for selecting the particular lodging, include information such as proximity to the airport or site to be visited.
- 21. Describe how the daily expenses for lodging, meals, and other expenses provided to trip participant compare to the maximum per diem rates for official Federal Government travel: Where feasible and available, trip expenses for lodging and meals should generally be comparable to the government per diem rates. The circumstances surrounding a particular trip may legitimately require lodging and meal expenses to exceed these rates. Consult the Ethics Committee regulations for additional information.
- 22. Describe the type and class of transportation being provided: While coach or business-class fare may be accepted, first-class fare for any mode of transportation may be permitted only under limited conditions and only with specific prior written approval by the Ethics Committee. Transportation on a private or charter aircraft is not permitted for privately-sponsored travel under any circumstances.
- 23. Expenses for recreational activity, alcohol, or entertainment: The only recreational or entertainment activities that will be approved by the Ethics Committee are those that are provided to all attendees and are an integral part of an event. Alcoholic beverages are not considered to be a reasonable expense.
- 24. List any entertainment that will be provided to, paid for or reimbursed to Senate invitees and explain why the entertainment is an integral part of the event: Entertainment expenses that are not provided to all attendees and deemed an integral part of the event will not be approved by the Ethics Committee.
- 25. Certification: Each sponsor of a trip should sign the form and certify that the information is complete and correct. Attach additional pages with the certification and signature block, as necessary, for each trip sponsor.

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	of Dr. Nikpay, with whom Mr. Gartrell has a long-established friendship.				
22.	Describe the type and class of transportation being provided. Indicate whether coach, business-class or first class transportation will be provided. If first-class fare is being provided, please explain why first-class travel is necessary:				
	Coach class airfare				
23. 24.	I represent that the travel expenses that will be paid for or reimbursed to Senate invitees do not include expenditures for recreational activities, alcohol, or entertainment (other than entertainment provided to all attendees as an integral part of the event, as permissible under Senate Rule 35).  List any entertainment that will be provided to, paid for, or reimbursed to Senate invitees and explain why				
	the entertainment is an integral part of the event:				
	No entertainment will be part of the trip.				
25.	I hereby certify that the information contained herein is true, complete and correct. (You must include the completed signature block below for each travel sponsor.):  Signature of Travel Sponsor:  Name and Title: John Mannalus JR COO & Corporate Chiefof Half				
	Name of Organization: Vanderbild University Medical Center				
	Address: 0-3300 MCN 1141/ 218 Ave South NAShvillE M 37232				
	Telephone Number: 615. 322.0230				
	Fax Number: 615, 343.7286				
	E-mail Address: john, manning @ vumc. org				